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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BROOKSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
SENTENCED FOR STEALING GOVERNMENT FUNDS

_____ Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore today sentenced BETTY CHANDLER TRENT, age 64, the former Executive Director of the Brooksville Housing Authority, to two years' imprisonment on charges of conspiracy, theft concerning programs receiving federal funds, false claims, and theft of public money. TRENT was indicted on November 7, 2006 and convicted by a federal jury on June 15, 2007.

The case was investigated by the Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill.